

# ECO

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*Building People, Not Prisons*

## ECO CENTER FOR WOMEN

2006-2007

### OVERVIEW

#### **Organizational Overview**

ECO, Inc., a non-profit organization, has been serving offenders, ex-offenders and their families for 34 years. The organization began through a grant written by the North Carolina Department of Correction to help inmates' transition from prison to the community. The organization now includes four programs:

- ❑ **Aftercare**, a transition program for persons with criminal records returning to the community. In 06-07 ECO assisted 546 people with employment readiness and 242 or 44% became employed during the year.
- ❑ **Families Doing Time**, a program for assisting families while someone is incarcerated, reconnecting inmates and their families and family reentry planning. During 06-07, 231 graduated from our parenting program and 178 children participated in the inmate- parent/child visit.
- ❑ **Mecklenburg Sentencing Services**, providing sentencing reports and recommendations to the court. In 06-07, this program presented 142 plans to Judicial District 26.
- ❑ **ECO Center for Women**, a transition facility for women near the end of their state prison term. Full report is attached.

In 1986, the North Carolina Legislature passed a bill introduced by Jo Graham Foster to allow ECO to provide housing for women nearing the end of their release from prison. This was in response to the closing of five residential facilities for women, including the one in Charlotte.

In 1987, the ECO Center for Women opened under contract with the Department of Correction. It houses 20 women who are at Minimum Level III, which makes them eligible for work release and other community programs. The program provides an

opportunity for transition to the community while they are completing their prison sentence.

The facility maintains maximum capacity of 20, except the time difference between the release of a resident and the transferring in of a new resident. The cost per inmate, per day for FY06-07 was \$57.59. The per diem contract amount paid was \$46.23.

The following annual report will provide more in depth information about the Center and the residents served.

**ECO Center for Women  
Financial Overview for 2006-07**

**Revenue**

Contract	334,173
Program Fees	83,844
Miscellaneous	1,664
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Total	419,681

**Expense**

Compensation Cost	290,660
Occupancy	51,858
Program (supplies, telephone, travel, etc)	21,479
Rental, repairs	8,836
Contract labor/Professional fees	5,056
Insurance and bonding	15,646
Miscellaneous	3,383
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Total	396,919
+/-	22,762